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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1959



HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
(West Suffolk)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Hadleigh Urban District for the year 1959.

The population of the district continues to show an upward trend as will be seen from the estimate of the Registrar General.

Very few cases of notifiable disease occurred in the town and these were not severe, nor was any death the result of an infectious disease.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and the encouragement they have given and to thank the Clerk, Mr. H.R. Woolvett, and the Public Health Inspector, Mr. J.D. Mitchell, for their willing co-operation throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

G.P. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1960.

SECTION A

Figures in parenthesis refer to previous year

1. General Statistics.

Population (1951 Census)	3089.	Area 4,317 acres.
Population Registrar General's Estimate 1959	3300 (3270)	
Rateable Value	£32451 at 31.3.60(£30510)	
Number of inhabited houses	1183 (1184)	
Sum represented by a penny rate: £128. 2. 6. for financial year ended 31.3.60.		

2. Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Legitimate	53(45)	27 (27)	26 (18)	Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population
Illegitimate	1(2)	- (1)	1 (1)	(Crude) 16.4 (14.4)
	<u>54(47)</u>	<u>27 (28)</u>	<u>27 (19)</u>	(Adjusted) 17.7 (15.6)
				Population England and Wales 16.5 (16.1)

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Legitimate	2(2)	1 (2)	1 (-)	Still Birth Rate per 1000 live and still births 31.2(60)
Illegitimate	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)	Still Birth Rate in England and Wales 20.7 (21.6)
	<u>2 (3)</u>	<u>1 (3)</u>	<u>1 (-)</u>	Illegitimate birth rate 1.4% (6%)

Section A continued:

DEATHS - registered in 1959. Death Rate (Crude) 9.4 (15.0)
 " " (Adjusted) 8.8 (14.1)
 in England and Wales
 11.6 (11.7)

Total - all causes 31 (49) 10 (24) Male 21 (25) Female

Number of women dying in or in consequence of pregnancy, child-birth or abortion.

(a) Sepsis Nil
 (b) Other causes Nil

	Total	Male	Female
Death of infants under one year	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
" " " " four weeks	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births 15.6
 " " " " " " " - legitimate 15.6
 " " " " " " " - illegitimate Nil
 Neo-Natal " " " " " " Nil
 Maternal mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births - Nil

<u>Deaths classified according to causes</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths from cancer (all types)	3(7)	2(3)	1(4)
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	10(6)	2(2)	8(4)
Heart Disease (all types)	7(22)	- (13)	7(9)
Pneumonia	1(2)	- (-)	1(2)
Bronchitis	1(7)	1(4)	- (3)
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	-	2
Nephritis	1(1)	- (-)	1(1)
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	1	-
Congenital Malformation	1	1	-
Other defined or ill defined diseases	1(3)	1(1)	- (2)
Motor Vehicle Accidents	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
All other accidents	1(1)	- (1)	1(-)
Suicide	1(-)	1(-)	- (-)
Homicide	1(-)	1(-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	<u>31(49)</u>	<u>10(24)</u>	<u>21(25)</u>

SECTION B

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases - Cases notified.

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Number Notified</u> <u>Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Measles	8	Nil(Nil)
Whooping Cough	7	" "
Scarlet Fever	2	" "
	<u>17</u>	

SECTION C.

1. Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer (Part-time) G.P. Barclay, M.B., Ch.B.D.P.H.
 One Public Health Inspector (Part-time) J.D. Mitchell, A.R.S.H.,
 M.A.P.H.I.

2. Nursing in the Home.

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

3. Infant Welfare Centres.

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town, held at 2.0 p.m. each Monday at the Congregational Church Hall, Market Place.

4. Health Visiting.

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh and District with a part-time Health Visitor.

SECTION D.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No cases arose during the year calling for action in accordance with this section of the Act.

SECTION E.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

During the exceptionally dry summer maximum pumping capacity was reached and maintained over a period of several weeks, during which time voluntary restrictions on hosepipes and other appliances were requested; the peak demand during this period was estimated at 132,000 g.p.d. equivalent to 40 g.p.d. per head of population.

Negotiations have continued satisfactorily with Cosford R.D.C. for the joint water scheme and bulk supply, and the Council's Consultant Engineers are preparing this scheme which will overcome the existing difficulties causing lack of pressure in the fringe areas.

Six bacteriological water samples were taken and found to be satisfactory.

Two chemical analyses were carried out and found to be satisfactory.

Sewage Disposal.

The standard of effluent during the year continued to be unsatisfactory due to the heavy overload on the works.

Several visits were made to the site during the year by the Council's Consultant Engineers in preparation for the new works extension scheme.

Cleansing Services.

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse has been continued during the year, and an adequate street scavenging service maintained.

SECTION F.

Public Health and Housing Acts.

Work under these Acts proceeded during the year and following is a record of the routine work carried out:

(i) Housing Acts.

Number of houses inspected for defects	18
Subsequent inspections of those houses	22
Houses rendered fit by informal action	2
Houses rendered fit by Statutory action	-
Houses found totally unfit	6
Demolition Orders	4
Closing Orders	2
Undertakings from owners not to relet	-

Houses purchased by Local Authority for site clearance 4

Improvement Grants 2

New houses erected by Local Authority:

Traditional - 2 bedroomed	-
Traditional - 3 bedroomed	-

Number of Council-houses purchased by tenants 4

Total number of post war houses	277
Total number of pre war houses	77

(ii) Public Health Act, 1936.

S. 93. Informal notices issued	5
S. 93. Informal notices complied with	5
S. 93. Statutory notices issued	nil.

SECTION G.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(i) Meat Inspection.

Number of slaughterhouses on register	1
Number of visits to slaughterhouse	132

Carcases inspected during the year:

<u>Calves</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Beasts</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Total</u>
23	-	130	282	122	557

Diseased conditions found -

(a) Tuberculosis:-

4 Pigs' heads
1 Pig's mesentery

(b) Other diseases:-

5 Pigs' livers
1 Beast's liver
1 Beast's liver trimmings
1 Bullock's liver

(ii) Other Food Inspection.

(a) Registrations

Number of milk purveyors on register	3
Number of Dealer's licences (T.T. milk)	1
Number of supplementary licences (T.T.milk)	1
Number of supplementary licences (pasteurised)	2
Number of Dealer's licences (Sterilised)	1

(ii) Other Food Inspection Continued:

(a) Registrations Continued:

Number of Ice-Cream retailers on register 17

Number of licences for preserved meat and other foods 7

(b) Visits to food premises

Dairies	2
Bakehouses	4
Fishmongers	5
Butchers	13
Cafes	7
Slaughterhouse	132
Other food shops	28
	<u>191</u>

(c) Samples

(a) Milk

Nil

(b) Ice-Cream

Nil

(d) Other food Condemned

	<u>Weight</u>
2 Tins Ox tongues @ 6 lbs	12 lbs -- ozs.
2 " " " " 2 lbs	4 lbs -- ozs.
1 Tin Corned Beef @ 6 lbs	6 lbs -- ozs.
1 Packet Back Bacon @ 8 ozs.	8 ozs.
2 Tins Corned Beef @ 7 ozs.	14 ozs.
2 Tins Peas @ 1 lb, 14 ozs	3 lbs. 12 ozs.
1 Tin Peaches @ 14 ozs.	14 ozs.
" " " " 1 lb, 14 ozs.	1 lb. 14 ozs.
" " Fruit Salad @ 16 ozs.	1 lb. -- ozs.
" " Cherries @ 15 ozs	15 ozs.
3 " Apricots @ 15 ozs.	2 lb. 13 ozs.
5 " Pineapple @ 12 ozs.	3 lb. 12 ozs.
1 " Tomatoes @ 2 lb, 3 ozs.	2 lb. 3 ozs.
1 " Cooked Ham @ 11 lb, 13 ozs.	11 lb. 13 ozs.
	<u>52 lbs. 6 ozs.</u>

SECTION H.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
(i) <u>Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities</u>	2	3	-

5. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS Continued

<u>Premises</u>	<u>B/f</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
		<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
(ii) Factories not included in				
(i) in which section 7				
is enforced by Local				
Authority		<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>32</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)			
(a) Insufficient	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
(b) Unsuitable or defective	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

3. Outwork - NIL

SECTION J.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector for the year.

Investigations of complaints	175
Reinspections	97
Drainage tests and inspections	22
Housing Acts	20
Public Health Acts	27
Water supplies	93
Sewage Works	65
Septic tanks and cesspools	10
Watercourses	15
Public Conveniences	28
Petroleum Regulations	16
Vermin	1
Rodent Control	7
Keeping of animals	21
Moveable dwellings	3
Miscellaneous	32
	<u>632</u>